

# Devodil TM ANTI-EMETIC, NEUROLEPTIC

Packs		Composition
Tablets 50 mg	20	The active ingredient of Devodil is Sulpiride
Tablets 200 mg	1000	

# **Properties**

Devodil is a substituted benzamide, which is claimed to exert its antipsychotic action via a selective blockade of central dopamine D2 receptors. It is also claimed to have mood elevating properties, and has anti-emetic actions and an effect on gastrin secretion. It is absorbed from the gastro-intestinal tract and excreted in the urine and faeces. It is reported to have a plasma half-life of about 8 to 9 hours.

### **Indications**

Devodil is indicated for the treatment of psychosomatic components of organic diseases, e.g., nausea, vomiting; and acute or chronic psychiatric disorders.

## **Dosage**

In the treatment of schizophrenia initial doses of 200 to 400mg twice daily by mouth may be given, increased if necessary up to a maximum of 1,2g twice daily. Usual maintenance doses are 400 to 800mg daily by mouth. The usual dose of Devodil in the treatment of nausea, vomiting is 150 to 300mg daily in divided doses.

## **Side-effects**

Devodil is relatively free from side-effects except in rare cases where sleep disturbances, extrapyramidal symptoms, fatigue, hypertension and amenorrhoea may occur.

Somnambulism (sleep walking) and sleep-related eating disorder may occur.

## **Precautions**

Although Devodil only induces slight EEG modifications, caution is advised in prescribing it for patients with unstable epilepsy. Patients requiring Devodil who are receiving anti-convulsant therapy should continue unchanged on the latter medication. Devodil has no significant anti-cholinergic or cardiovascular activity. As with all drugs for which the kidney is the major elimination pathway, the usual precautions should be taken in cases of renal failure

# **Pregnancy:**

Despite the negative results of teratogenicity studies in animals and the lack of teratogenic effects during widespread clinical use, Devodil should not be considered an exception to the general principle of avoiding drug treatment during pregnancy, particularly during the first 16 weeks, with potential benefits being weighed against possible hazards.

## **Drug interactions:**

While no drug interactions are known, unnecessary polypharmacy should be avoided.

#### Contra-indications

Devodil is contra-indicated in patients with pheochromocytoma and during pregnancy.

# Overdosage

In severe overdosage the stomach should be emptied by aspiration and lavage. Emetics should not be used. To counter acute hypotension the patient should be placed in the head-down and Noradrenaline or as second choice, Phenylephrine administered intravenously. The central nervous depression should generally be allowed to recover naturally.

Severe extrapyramidal reactions should be treated with a slow intravenous injection of Benztropine mesylate 1-2mg, Diphenhydramine hydrochloride 25-50mg, or Procyclidine hydrochloride 10mg.

## **Pharmaceutical Precautions**

Storage Conditions:

Devodil tablets should be stored below 25°C, protected from light and moisture.

Incompatibilities:

None.

Do not use beyond the expiry date stated on container.

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